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In the Claims

1. (withdrawn) An interactive television program guide system in which television programs are displayed on user television equipment of a plurality of users comprising:
means for allowing a user to select an option that sets program reminders for each of the programs that are part of a given series; and

means for automatically displaying individual reminders on the user television equipment of the user for each television program in that series.

2. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for displaying comprises means for displaying a partial screen overlay reminder message for each television program in the series.

3. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for displaying comprises means for displaying a reminder message on a program guide display screen for each television program in the series.

4. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 3 wherein the means for displaying the reminder message further comprises means for hiding the reminder message.

5. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for setting the reminder message comprises means for automatically tuning to a channel that is scheduled to show the television program.

6. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 2 wherein the means for displaying the reminder message comprises means for automatically tuning to a channel that is scheduled to show the television program.

7. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising a television distribution facility for distributing the television programs to the user television equipment and for distributing television program listings to the user television equipment.

8. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 7 wherein the television distribution facility comprises a server on which an interactive television program guide is at least partially implemented.

9. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for selecting a television program.

10. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 9 further comprising means for displaying a remind/record screen based on the television program selection.

11. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 10 further comprising means for displaying a reminder option on the remind/record screen which the user selects to set television program series reminders.

12. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 11 further comprising means for displaying a reminder options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the reminder option.

13. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 9 further comprising means for displaying a reminder options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the television program.

14. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 12 further comprising means for displaying reminder options on the reminder options screen.

15. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 12 further comprising means for displaying a record option on the reminder options screen.

16. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for a single episode of a series.

17. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for a given program at different lengths of time before the scheduled broadcast time of that program.

18. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on specific channels on which the programs are to be broadcast.

19. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on all channels on which the programs are to be broadcast.

20. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on specific days of the week on which the programs are to be broadcast.

21. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on all days of the week on which the programs are to be broadcast.

22. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for first-run broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

23. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for rerun broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

24. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for network broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

25. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for

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displaying an option to schedule a reminder for syndicated broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

26. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for previously unviewed broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

27. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a reminder for all rerun, first-run, network, syndicated, and previously unviewed broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

28. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying a view current reminders option which the user selects to receive a list of current reminder orders.

29. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 28 wherein the means for displaying a view current reminders option further comprises means for displaying a view current reminders screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the view current reminders option.

30. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 28 further comprising means for displaying the view current reminders option on a reminder options screen.

31. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 28 further comprising means for

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displaying the view current reminders option on a remind/record screen.

32. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 28 further comprising means for displaying the view current reminders option on a program guide menu screen.

33. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying a program reminder update screen.

34. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 9 wherein the means for selecting the television program further comprises means for displaying a program reminder update screen.

35. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 29 wherein the means for displaying the view current reminders screen further comprises means for displaying a program reminder update screen.

36. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for deleting a reminder order.

37. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for updating a reminder order.

38. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 36 further comprising means for deleting a single episode reminder order.

39. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 36 further comprising means for deleting an entire series reminder order.

40. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for displaying conflicting reminders.

41. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for not displaying conflicting reminders if the system supports simultaneous reminders.

42. (withdrawn) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for allowing the user to resolve conflicts between reminders.

43. (currently amended) An interactive television program guide system in which television programs are displayed on user television equipment of a plurality of users comprising:

means for storing program listings for a plurality of channels and a plurality of time slots;

means for allowing a user to select an option that schedules a television program to be broadcast on a channel and at a time slot for recording;

means for automatically searching through the program listings for television programs on a plurality of channels and a plurality of time slots that are part of a series of television programs that includes the television program selected for recording; and

means for displaying an option to schedule a recording of ~~any a combination~~ a plurality of television

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programs in the series of television programs, wherein the plurality of television programs is less than all of the television programs in the series of television programs.

44. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for recording using the user television equipment.

45. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for recording on a server.

46. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising a television distribution facility for distributing the television programs to the user television equipment and for distributing television program listings to the user television equipment.

47. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 46 wherein the television distribution facility comprises a server on which an interactive television program guide is at least partially implemented.

48. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for selecting a television program.

49. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 48 further comprising means for displaying a remind/record screen based on the television program selection.

50. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 49 further comprising means for displaying a record option on the remind/record screen which the user selects to schedule television program series recordings.

51. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 50 further comprising means for displaying a recording options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the record option.

52. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 48 further comprising means for displaying a recording options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the television program.

53. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 51 further comprising means for displaying recording options on the recording options screen.

54. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 51 further comprising means for displaying a reminder option on the recording options screen.

55. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for a single episode of a series.

56. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on specific channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

57. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on all channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

58. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on specific days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

59. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on all days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

60. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for first-run broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

61. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for rerun broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

62. (canceled)

63. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for syndicated broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

64. (canceled)

65. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying an option to schedule a recording for all rerun, first-run, network, syndicated, and previously unrecorded broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

66. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying a view current recordings option which the user selects to receive a list of current scheduled recordings.

67. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 66 wherein the means for displaying a view current recordings option further comprises means for displaying a view current recordings screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the view current recordings option.

68. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 66 further comprising means for displaying the view current recordings option on a recording options screen.

69. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 66 further comprising means for displaying the view current recordings option on a remind/record screen.

70. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 66 further comprising means for displaying the view current recordings option on a program guide menu screen.

71. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying a program recording update screen.

72. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 48 wherein the means for selecting the television program further comprising means for displaying a program recording update screen.

73. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 67 wherein the means for displaying the view current recordings screen further comprising means for displaying a program recording update screen.

74. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 71 further comprising means for deleting a scheduled recording.

75. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 71 further comprising means for updating a scheduled recording.

76. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 74 further comprising means for deleting a single episode scheduled recording.

77. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 74 further comprising means for deleting an entire series scheduled recording.

78. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying conflicting recordings.

79. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for not displaying conflicting recordings if the system supports simultaneous recordings.

80. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for allowing the user to resolve conflicts between scheduled recordings.

81. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for allowing the system to resolve conflicts between scheduled recordings.

82. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for displaying scheduled recordings and scheduled reminders on a program guide screen.

83. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 82 further comprising means for displaying conflicts between recordings and reminders.

84. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 82 further comprising means for not displaying conflicts between recordings and reminders if the system supports simultaneous watch and record.

85. (original) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 82 further comprising means for allowing the user to resolve conflicts between recordings and reminders.

86. (withdrawn) A method for displaying television programs on user television equipment of a plurality of users, comprising the steps of:

allowing a user to select an option that sets program reminders for each of the programs that are part of a given series; and

automatically displaying individual reminders on the user television equipment of the user for each television program in that series.

87. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 wherein the step of displaying comprises the step of displaying a partial screen overlay reminder message for each television program in the series.

88. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 wherein the step of displaying comprises the step of displaying a reminder message on a program guide display screen for each television program in the series.

89. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 88 wherein the step of displaying the reminder message further comprises the step of hiding the reminder message.

90. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 87 wherein the step of setting the reminder message comprises the step of automatically tuning to a channel that is scheduled to show the television program.

91. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 87 wherein the step of displaying the reminder message comprises the step of automatically tuning to a channel that is scheduled to show the television program.

92. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of distributing the television programs to the user television equipment and the step of distributing television program listings to the user television equipment.

93. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of selecting a television program.

94. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 93 further comprising the step of displaying a remind/record screen based on the television program selection.

95. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 94 further comprising the step of displaying a reminder option on the remind/record screen which the user selects to set television program series reminders.

96. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 95 further comprising the step of displaying a reminder options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the reminder option.

97. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 93 further comprising the step of displaying a reminder options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the television program.

98. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 96 further comprising the step of displaying reminder options on the reminder options screen.

99. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 96 further comprising the step of displaying a record option on the reminder options screen.

100. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for a single episode of a series.

101. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for a given program at different lengths of time before the scheduled broadcast time of that program.

102. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on specific channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

103. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on all channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

104. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on specific days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

105. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the

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series on all days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

106. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for first-run broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

107. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for rerun broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

108. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for network broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

109. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for syndicated broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

110. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for previously unviewed broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

111. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a reminder for all rerun, first-run, network, syndicated, and previously unviewed broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

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112. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying a view current reminders option which the user selects to receive a list of current reminder orders.

113. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 112 wherein the step of displaying a view current reminders option further comprises the step of displaying a view current reminders screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the view current reminders option.

114. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 112 further comprising the step of displaying the view current reminders option on a reminder options screen.

115. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 112 further comprising the step of displaying the view current reminders option on a remind/record screen.

116. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 112 further comprising the step of displaying the view current reminders option on a program guide menu screen.

117. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying a program reminder update screen.

118. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 93 wherein the step of selecting a television program further comprises the step of displaying a program reminder update screen.

119. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 113 wherein the step of displaying the view current reminders

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screen further comprises the step of displaying a program reminder update screen.

120. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 117 further comprising the step of deleting a reminder order.

121. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 117 further comprising the step of updating a reminder order.

122. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 120 further comprising the step of deleting a single episode reminder order.

123. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 120 further comprising the step of deleting an entire series reminder order.

124. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of displaying conflicting reminders.

125. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of not displaying conflicting reminders if the system supports simultaneous reminders.

126. (withdrawn) The method defined in claim 86 further comprising the step of allowing the user to resolve conflicts between reminders.

127. (currently amended) A method for displaying television programs on user television equipment of a plurality of users, comprising the steps of:

storing program listings for a plurality of channels and a plurality of time slots;

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allowing a user to select an option that schedules a television program to be broadcast on a channel and at a time slot for recording;

automatically searching through the program listings for television programs on a plurality of channels and a plurality of time slots that are part of a series of television programs that includes the television program selected for recording; and

displaying an option to schedule a recording of any a combination plurality of television programs in the series of television programs, wherein the plurality of television programs is less than all of the television programs in the series of television programs.

128. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of recording using the user television equipment.

129. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of recording on a server.

130. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of distributing the television programs to the user television equipment and the step of distributing television program listings to the user television equipment.

131. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of selecting a television program.

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132. (original) The method defined in claim 131 further comprising the step of displaying a remind/record screen based on the television program selection.

133. (original) The method defined in claim 132 further comprising the step of displaying a record option on the remind/record screen which the user selects to schedule television program series recordings.

134. (original) The method defined in claim 133 further comprising the step of displaying a recording options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the record option.

135. (original) The method defined in claim 131 further comprising the step of displaying a recording options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the television program.

136. (original) The method defined in claim 134 further comprising the step of displaying recording options on the recording options screen.

137. (original) The method defined in claim 134 further comprising the step of displaying a reminder option on the recording options screen.

138. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for a single episode of a series.

139. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the

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series on specific channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

140. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on all channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

141. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on specific days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

142. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on all days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

143. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for first-run broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

144. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for rerun broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

145. (canceled)

146. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to

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schedule a recording for syndicated broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

147. (canceled)

148. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying an option to schedule a recording for all rerun, first-run, network, syndicated, and previously unrecorded broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

149. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying a view current recordings option which the user selects to receive a list of current scheduled recordings.

150. (original) The method defined in claim 149 wherein the step of displaying a view current recordings option further comprises the step of displaying a view current recordings screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the view current recordings option.

151. (original) The method defined in claim 149 further comprising the step of displaying the view current recordings option on a recording options screen.

152. (original) The method defined in claim 149 further comprising the step of displaying the view current recordings option on a remind/record screen.

153. (original) The method defined in claim 149 further comprising the step of displaying the view current recordings option on a program guide menu screen.

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154. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying a program recording update screen.

155. (original) The method defined in claim 131 wherein the step of selecting a television program further comprises the step of displaying a program recording update screen.

156. (original) The method defined in claim 150 wherein the step of displaying the view current recordings screen further comprises the step of displaying a program recording update screen.

157. (original) The method defined in claim 154 further comprising the step of deleting a scheduled recording.

158. (original) The method defined in claim 154 further comprising the step of updating a scheduled recording.

159. (original) The method defined in claim 157 further comprising the step of deleting a single episode scheduled recording.

160. (original) The method defined in claim 157 further comprising the step of deleting an entire series scheduled recording.

161. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying conflicting recordings.

162. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of not displaying conflicting recordings if the system supports simultaneous recordings.

163. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of allowing the user to resolve conflicts between scheduled recordings.

164. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of allowing the system to resolve conflicts between scheduled recordings.

165. (original) The method defined in claim 127 further comprising the step of displaying scheduled recordings and scheduled reminders on a program guide screen.

166. (original) The method defined in claim 165 further comprising the step of displaying conflicts between recordings and reminders.

167. (original) The method defined in claim 165 further comprising the step of not displaying conflicts between recordings and reminders if the system supports simultaneous watch and record.

168. (original) The method defined in claim 165 further comprising the step of allowing the user to resolve conflicts between recordings and reminders.

169. (withdrawn) A system in which television programs are displayed on user television equipment of a plurality of users comprising:

a television distribution facility configured to provide the television programs;

user television equipment that receives the television programs from the television distribution facility, wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are configured to:

allow a user to select an option that sets program reminders for each of the programs that are part of a given series; and

automatically display individual reminders on the user television equipment of the user for each television program in that series.

170. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are further configured to display a partial screen overlay reminder message for each television program in the series.

171. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are further configured to display a reminder message on a program guide display screen for each television program in the series.

172. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 171 wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are further configured to hide the reminder message.

173. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 170 wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are further configured to automatically tune to a channel that is scheduled to show the television program.

174. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further comprising a television distribution facility for distributing the television programs to the user television equipment and for distributing television program listings to the user television equipment.

175. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 174 wherein the television distribution facility comprises a server on which an interactive television program guide is at least partially implemented.

176. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are configured to allow the user to select a television program.

177. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 176 further configured to display a remind/record screen based on the television program selection.

178. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 177 further configured to display a reminder option on the remind/record screen which the user selects to set television program series reminders.

179. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 178 further configured to display a reminder options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the reminder option.

180. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 176 further configured to display a reminder options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the television program.

181. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 179 further configured to display reminder options on the reminder options screen.

182. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 179 further configured to display a record option on the reminder options screen.

183. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for a single episode of a series.

184. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for a given program at different lengths of time before the scheduled broadcast time of that program.

185. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on specific channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

186. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on all channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

187. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for given programs which are part of the series on specific days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

188. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a

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reminder for given programs which are part of the series on all days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

189. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for first-run broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

190. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for rerun broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

191. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for network broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

192. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for syndicated broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

193. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for previously unviewed broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

194. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display an option to schedule a reminder for all rerun, first-run, network, syndicated, and previously unviewed broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

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195. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display a view current reminders option which the user selects to receive a list of current reminder orders.

196. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 195 further configured to display a view current reminders screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the view current reminders option.

197. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 195 further configured to display the view current reminders option on a reminder options screen.

198. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 195 further configured to display the view current reminders option on a remind/record screen.

199. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 195 further configured to display the view current reminders option on a program guide menu screen.

200. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display a program reminder update screen.

201. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 176 further configured to display a program reminder update screen.

202. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 196 further configured to display a program reminder update screen.

203. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 200 further configured to allow the user to delete a reminder order.

204. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 200 further configured to allow the user to update a reminder order.

205. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 203 further configured to allow the user to delete a single episode reminder order.

206. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 203 further configured to allow the user to delete an entire series reminder order.

207. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to display conflicting reminders.

208. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured not to display conflicting reminders if the system supports simultaneous reminders.

209. (withdrawn) The system defined in claim 169 further configured to allow the user to resolve conflicts between reminders.

210. (currently amended) A system in which television programs are displayed on user television equipment of a plurality of users comprising:
a television distribution facility configured to provide the television programs;
user television equipment that receives the television programs from the television distribution

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facility, wherein the user television equipment and television distribution facility are configured to:

store program listings for a plurality of channels and a plurality of time slots;

allow a user to select an option that schedules a television program to be broadcast on a channel and at a time slot for recording;

automatically search through the program listings for television programs on a plurality of channels and a plurality of time slots that are part of a series of television programs that includes the television program selected for recording; and

display an option to schedule a recording of ~~any a combination~~ a plurality of television programs in the series of television programs, wherein the plurality of television programs is less than all of the television programs in the series of television programs.

211. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to record using the user television equipment.

212. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to record using a server.

213. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further comprising a television distribution facility for distributing the television programs to the user television equipment and for distributing television program listings to the user television equipment.

214. (original) The system defined in claim 213 wherein the television distribution facility comprises a server on which an interactive television program guide is at least partially implemented.

215. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to allow the user to select a television program.

216. (original) The system defined in claim 215 further configured to display a remind/record screen based on the television program selection.

217. (original) The system defined in claim 216 further configured to display a record option on the remind/record screen which the user selects to schedule television program series recordings.

218. (original) The system defined in claim 217 further configured to display a recording options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the record option.

219. (original) The system defined in claim 215 further configured to display a recording options screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the television program.

220. (original) The system defined in claim 218 further configured to display recording options on the recording options screen.

221. (original) The system defined in claim 218 further configured to display a reminder option on the recording options screen.

222. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for a single episode of a series.

223. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on specific channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

224. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on all channels on which the program is to be broadcast.

225. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on specific days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

226. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for given programs which are part of the series on all days of the week on which the program is to be broadcast.

227. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for first-run broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

228. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for rerun broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

229. (canceled)

230. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for syndicated broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

231. (canceled)

232. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display an option to schedule a recording for all rerun, first-run, network, syndicated, and previously unrecorded broadcasts of given programs which are part of the series.

233. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display a view current recordings option which the user selects to receive a list of current scheduled recordings.

234. (original) The system defined in claim 233 further configured to display a view current recordings screen on the user television equipment when the user selects the view current recordings option.

235. (original) The system defined in claim 233 further configured to display the view current recordings option on a recording options screen.

236. (original) The system defined in claim 233 further configured to display the view current recordings option on a remind/record screen.

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237. (original) The system defined in claim 233 further configured to display the view current recordings option on a program guide menu screen.

238. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display a program recording update screen.

239. (original) The system defined in claim 215 further configured to display a program recording update screen.

240. (original) The system defined in claim 234 further configured to display a program recording update screen.

241. (original) The system defined in claim 238 further configured to allow the user to delete a scheduled recording.

242. (original) The system defined in claim 238 further configured to allow the user to update a scheduled recording.

243. (original) The system defined in claim 241 further configured to allow the user to delete a single episode scheduled recording.

244. (original) The system defined in claim 241 further configured to allow the user to delete an entire series scheduled recording.

245. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display conflicting recordings.

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246. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured not to display conflicting recordings if the system supports simultaneous recordings.

247. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to allow the user to resolve conflicts between scheduled recordings.

248. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to allow the system to resolve conflicts between scheduled recordings.

249. (original) The system defined in claim 210 further configured to display scheduled recordings and scheduled reminders on a program guide screen.

250. (original) The system defined in claim 249 further configured to display conflicts between recordings and reminders.

251. (original) The system defined in claim 249 further configured not to display conflicts between recordings and reminders if the system supports simultaneous watch and record.

252. (original) The system defined in claim 249 further configured to allow the user to resolve conflicts between recordings and reminders.

253. (withdrawn) An interactive television program guide series reminder system for providing reminders of scheduled television programs to a plurality of users, comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide;

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means for receiving television program
listings for the scheduled television programs;

means for displaying the television program
listings;

means for selecting a given television program
listing from the displayed television program listings;

means for automatically determining with the
interactive television program guide whether the selected
program is part of a series; and

means for displaying television program series
reminders that remind the user when each episode of the
series is to be broadcast.

254. (canceled)